

1. (currently amended) A drum closure overcap for application over a primary dispensing closure on industrial size containers comprising [a] an integrally molded plastic cap having a disc like top wall surrounded by a depending skirt terminating in a first free edge, an annular locking bead formed on the interior of said cap skirt, a circumferentially enlarged tamper detecting band surrounding a major exterior surface portion of the height of said cap skirt terminating in a second lowermost free edge, said band radially spaced from said skirt and connected thereto at spaced intervals by radially extending frangible connecting webs, a tear strip formed in said cap defined by a pair of weakened score lines extending upwardly across said cap skirt and laterally into said top wall, said tamper detecting band in one area integrally connected to said cap skirt adjacent the skirt end of said tear strip and radially protruding gripping means on said band disposed diametrically opposite said tear strip to enable separation of said frangible connecting webs so that the band can be subsequently grasped for destructive removal of said cap by tearing said strip along said score lines across said skirt and into said top wall and said score lines in said top wall terminating spaced from said gripping means.

2. (original) A drum closure overcap as in claim 1 and said frangible connecting webs interrupted in the area of said band connection.

3. (original) A drum closure overcap as in claim 1 and said connecting webs configured to rupture adjacent said band leaving the torn vestige on said skirt.

4. (previously presented) A drum closure overcap as in claim 1 and said connection between said skirt and said band extending axially away from said first free edge.

5. and 6. (cancelled)

7. (original) A drum closure overcap as in claim 1 wherein said first and second free edges are substantially coplanar.

8. (currently amended) In combination, a manually applied overcap and a container dispensing closure comprising a laterally extending container wall, an internally threaded upstanding neck formed in said wall, said neck terminating in a circumferentially enlarged outward curl, an integrally molded plastic cap fitted on said neck, said cap having a disc like top wall surrounded by a depending skirt terminating in a first free edge lying in close surface to surface proximity to said container wall, an annular locking bead formed on the interior of said cap skirt in engagement with said neck curl, a circumferentially enlarged tamper detecting band surrounding a major exterior surface portion of the height of said cap skirt terminating in a second lowermost free edge, frangible interconnecting means between said band and skirt, a tear strip formed in said cap extending upwardly across said cap skirt and laterally into said top, said band integrally connected to said tear strip and said tamper detecting band including gripping means to enable separation of said band so the band can be grasped for destructive removal of said cap from container neck by tearing said strip along said score lines out of said cap and exposing said dispensing closure.

9.(original) The combination as in claim 8 wherein said first and second free edges are substantially coplanar.

10. (previously presented) The combination as in claim 8 and said skirt free edge lying in direct contact with said container wall.

11-13 (cancelled)

14. (currently amended) In combination, a manually applied overcap and a container dispensing closure comprising a container wall, an internally threaded upstanding neck formed in said wall, said neck terminating in a circumferential enlargement, an integrally molded plastic cap fitted on said neck, said cap having a disc like top wall surrounded by a depending skirt terminating in a first free edge lying in close proximity to said upstanding neck, internal closure locking means formed on said overcap, a circumferentially enlarged tamper detecting band surrounding a major exterior portion of the height of said cap skirt terminating in a second lowermost free edge, a series of frangible interconnecting webs between said band and skirt, a tear strip formed in said cap defined by a pair of weakened score lines extending upwardly across said cap skirt and laterally at least partially across said cap top, said tamper detecting band in one area integrally connected to said cap skirt adjacent the skirt end of said tear strip and circumferentially narrow finger gripping means protruding radially from said band to enable separation of said band from said skirt by rupturing said interconnecting webs so the band can be hand grasped for destructive removal of said cap from said container neck by tearing said strip along said score lines across said skirt and into said top wall exposing said dispensing closure.

15. (previously presented) The combination as in claim 14 and said score lines extending across a major portion of said cap top.